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## Preface

This International Merchandise Trade Statistics (**IMTS**) Monthly Digest presents statistics on Botswana's total imports and exports of goods during April 2018.

During April 2018, total imports were valued at P4, 361.0 million while total exports were valued at P2, 981.8 million, resulting in a trade deficit of P1, 379.2 million. Total imports values for April decreased by 22.1 percent compared to March 2018. Diamonds contributed the most to total imports at 31.7 percent followed by Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Machinery & Electrical Equipment at 13.4 percent, 11.8 percent and 11.6 percent respectively. Diamonds constituted 85.3 percent (P2, 544.6 million) of total exports during the period under review.

Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) was the main source of imports into Botswana during April 2018, with South Africa alone contributing 67.5 percent of total imports during the month. Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco dominated imports from South Africa by contributing 18.3 percent and 16.5 percent respectively. Diamonds, Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products also contributed significantly to imports from South Africa, at 14.0 percent, 11.9 percent and 11.0 percent respectively.

During April 2018, total exports decreased by 39.1 percent compared to March 2018. Asia as a block, was the major destination for Botswana exports with a share of 56.2 percent, mainly constituted by Diamonds. Singapore, Israel and India received most of exports destined to Asia, respectively receiving 21.7 percent, 15.0 percent and 10.4 percent of total exports during the month.

The current digest presents revised data for October to March 2018 as presented in **Table A**. Total trade for January 2015 to April 2018 appears in **Table 1**. Trade by Principal Commodity groups is presented in **Table 2.1** for imports and **Table 2.2** for total exports. **Table 2.3** gives trade on diamonds only. Direction of trade appears in **Table 3.1A** (imports) and **Table 3.2A** (total exports), presenting Principal Commodity groups by partner country and region for April 2018. **Tables 3.1B** and **3.2B** give direction of trade for Principal Commodity groups by individual countries and regions as a percentage of total trade for imports and exports respectively during the month under review. **Table B** displays trade by mode of transport for both imports and exports.

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I sincerely thank all stakeholders involved in the formulation of this monthly digest, for their continued support and feedback, as we strive to better serve users of Statistics Botswana products and services.



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## 1.0 TOTAL TRADE

Total Merchandise trade as presented in this section refers to imports, domestic exports, re-exports and trade balance. Discussions for Total Trade are based on data for the current month, April 2018.

### 1.1 Data Revision

**Table A** presents revised data from October 2017 to March 2018, comparing figures as at March 2018 digest and the current situation.

The current data revision for October 2017 to March 2018 is mainly associated with transactions related to late tax assessment. Though transactions can be lodged with customs, related duties paid accordingly, further assessment is undertaken to ensure that the duties paid are correct for the imported commodities. These assessments will include any other assessment or examination of goods found necessary by customs.

After all the necessary assessments have been completed, the goods are cleared and records of associated transactions released to Statistics Botswana for compilation of **IMTS**. As compilation of IMTS is based on the date that goods crossed the border and not the date of final assessment, data for records with late assessment will then update trade for the month during which transactions were initially lodged with customs. Date of lodgement of transactions is used as a proxy for the date of crossing the border as per guidelines in **IMTS 2010**.

It has been observed that transactions for October 2017 to March 2018 had late assessments which were finalised in April 2018, hence the need to show data revision for the affected months.

**Table A: Data Revision October 2017 to March 2018 (Million Pula)**

Month	As at March 2018 Digest			As at April 2018 Digest			Difference			Differences as %		
	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance	Imports (CIF)	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Oct_17	4,211.0	4,080.8	(130.2)	4,225.3	4,085.5	(139.7)	14.2	4.7	(9.5)	0.3	0.1	7.3
Nov_17	5,938.3	6,352.8	414.4	6,012.0	6,352.8	340.8	73.7	0.0	(73.7)	1.2	0.0	(17.8)
Dec_17	5,745.6	5,020.7	(724.9)	5,877.4	5,040.4	(837.1)	131.8	19.7	(112.1)	2.3	0.4	15.5
Jan_18	3,780.7	5,319.6	1,538.8	3,880.3	5,323.3	1,443.0	99.6	3.7	(95.9)	2.6	0.1	(6.2)
Feb_18	4,885.0	3,501.4	(1,383.7)	5,024.3	3,517.5	(1,506.8)	350.1	20.7	(329.3)	7.7	0.6	31.2
Mar_18	4,950.5	4,814.8	(135.7)	5,598.2	4,896.0	(702.2)	647.7	81.3	(566.5)	13.1	1.7	417.3

( ) Denotes negative numbers

Discussions on Sub-Sections **1.2** to **1.4** are based on **Table 1**.

### 1.2 Imports

Discussions on imports are based on Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) value and associated figures are presented in Table 1 and Table 2.1. During April 2018, total imports were valued at P4, 361.0 million showing a decrease of 22.1 percent (P1, 237.3 million) from the March 2018 revised value of P5, 598.2 million. This decrease was mainly attributed to a decrease in imports of Diamonds, Machinery & Electrical Equipment, Vehicles & Transport Equipment and Food, Beverages & Tobacco. Diamonds decreased by 27.4 percent (P522.3 million) from P1, 904.0 million recorded during March 2018 to P1, 381.6 million in April 2018. Machinery & Electrical Equipment decreased by 26.6 percent (P183.0 million) from P688.3 million to P505.3 million, Vehicles & Transport Equipment decreased by 32.0 percent (P152.3 million) from P475.7 million to P323.4 million while Food, Beverages & Tobacco decreased by 21.0 percent (P136.8 million) from P650.6 million to P513.8 million during the period under review.

Imports value for April 2018, compared to that of the same month in 2017 shows a slight decrease of 0.6 percent (P26.2 million), from P4, 387.2 million recorded during April 2017 to P4, 361.0 million recorded during April 2018. This decrease was mainly attributed to imports of Diamonds which recorded a decrease of 13.1 percent (P208.8 million) from P1, 590.5 million during April 2017 to P1, 381.6 million in the period under review.

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### 1.3 Total Exports

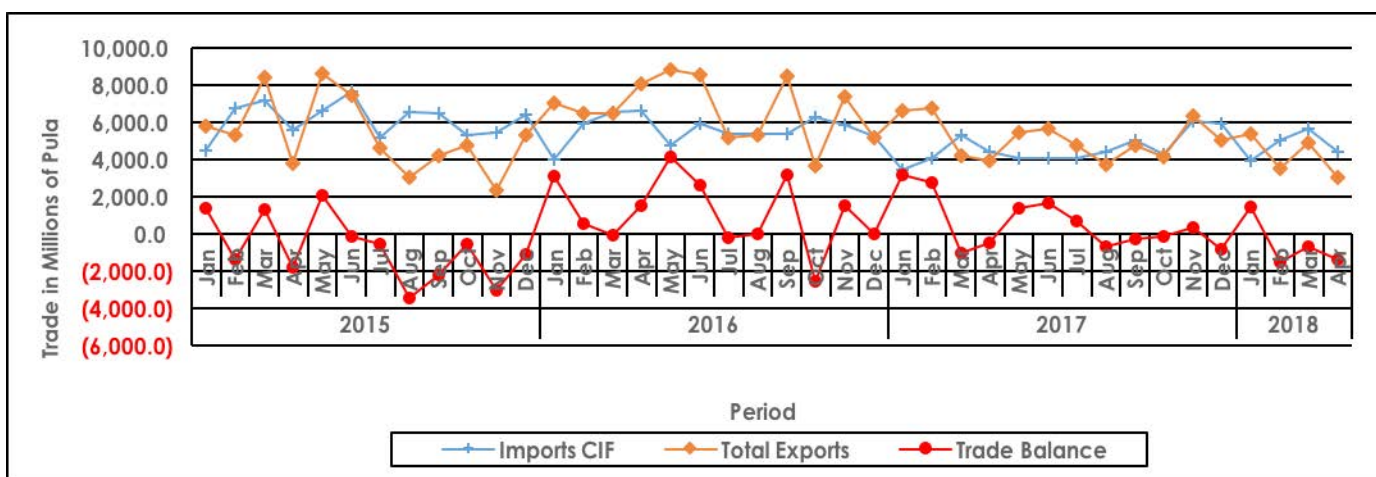
During April 2018, total exports were valued at P2, 981.8 million, showing a decrease of 39.1 percent (P1, 914.3 million) from March 2018 revised value of P4, 896.0 million. The decrease was mainly due to Diamonds, having recorded a decrease of 42.1 percent (P1, 847.2 million) from P4, 391.8 million in March 2018 to P2, 544.6 million during the current period (**Table 2.2**).

Comparison of total exports value for April 2018 and April 2017 shows a decrease of 23.4 percent (P909.8 million) from P3, 891.5 million to P2, 981.8 million. The decrease was mainly due to Diamonds. Diamonds recorded the highest decrease of 28.4 percent (P1, 011.5 million) from P3, 556.1 million in April 2017 to P2, 544.6 million in April 2018 (**Table 2.2**).

### 1.4 Trade Balance

Botswana recorded a trade deficit of P1, 379.2 million in April 2018.

**Chart 1.1: Total International Merchandise Trade - January 2015 to April 2018 (Million Pula)**



## 2.0 TRADE BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES

Principal commodity groups refer to selections of related commodities grouped together to form major groups. Commodities forming a group may be of related chapters, for example; "Machinery & Electrical Equipment" which combines machines and electrical appliances; "Vehicles & Transport Equipment" which combines vehicles and other equipment used for transport purposes.

In some cases it becomes a challenge to come up with further groups of related chapters or commodities. This occurs when commodity groups' contributions to the total remain minimal. In such cases, the commodities are grouped together under the general category called "Other".

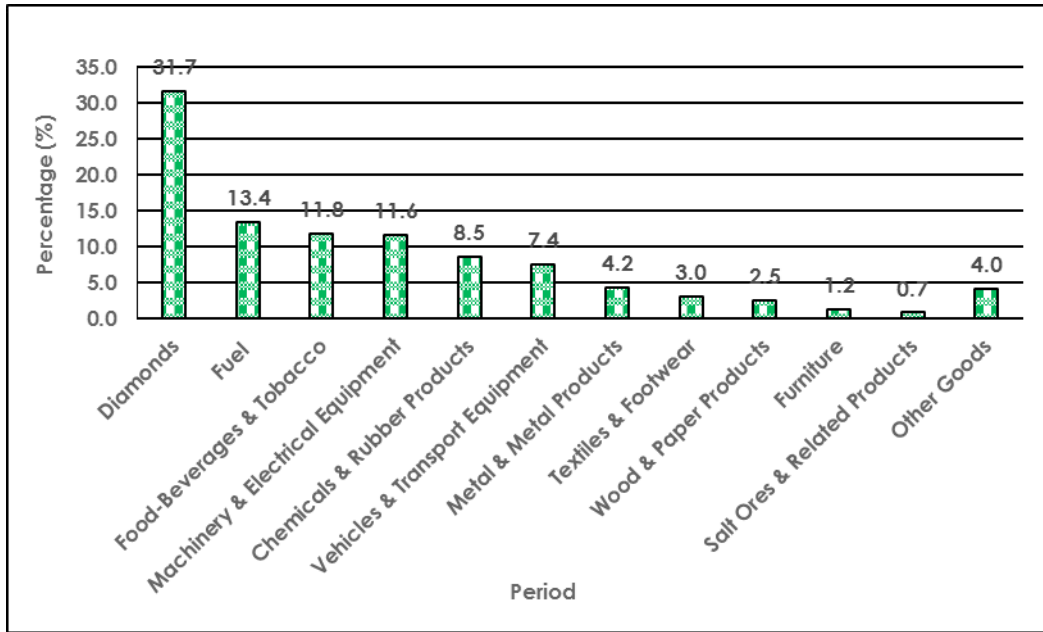
### 2.1 Principal Imports

Imports by Principal Commodity Groups together with associated percentage distributions, appear in **Table 2.1**, covering January 2015 to April 2018. Percentage distributions are however only shown for totals for 2016, 2017 as well as March 2018 and April 2018. **Chart 2.1** gives graphical presentation of Principal Import Commodity Groups for April 2018.

During April 2018, composition of imports by principal commodities shows that Diamonds contributed the most to total imports (P4, 361.0 million), with 31.7 percent (P1, 381.6 million), followed by Fuel; Food, Beverages & Tobacco and Machinery & Electrical Equipment with 13.4 percent (P583.8 million), 11.8 percent (P513.8 million) and 11.6 percent (P505.3 million) respectively.

Percentage distributions for other commodity groups during April 2018 can be viewed on **Table 2.1** and **Chart 2.1**.

**Chart 2.1: Principal Imports Composition – April 2018**



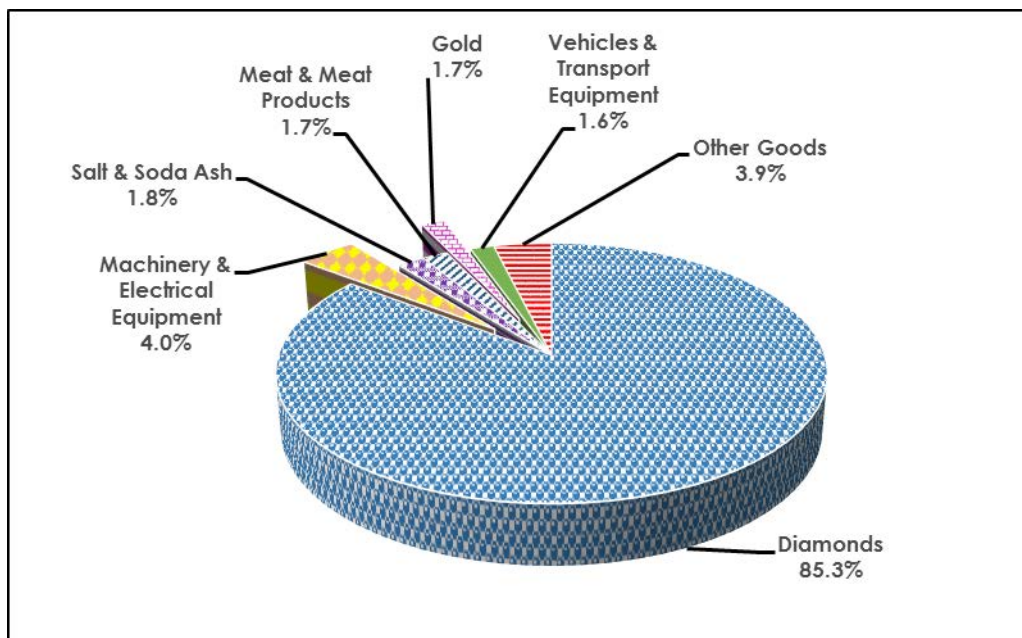
Note: Other Goods include all Other Goods not specified as in Table 2.1

## 2.2 Principal Exports

Total exports for April 2018, were valued at P2, 981.8 million, with 85.3 percent (P2, 544.6 million) attributed to exports of Diamonds. Machinery & Electrical Equipment followed with 4.0 percent (P119.4 million).

Percentage distributions for major export groups can be observed on **Table 2.2**, while **Chart 2.2** gives graphical presentation for April 2018.

**Chart 2.2: Principal Exports Composition – April 2018**



Note: Other Goods include all Other Goods not specified as in Table 2.2



### 3.0 DIRECTION OF TRADE

Direction of trade gives imports by source while exports are presented by last known destination. Only major trading partners are considered individually, while smaller trading partners are grouped together under a general category. Data by major trading partner countries, regions and principal commodity groups for imports and exports, during April 2018 appear in **Table 3.1A** and **Table 3.2A** respectively. **Table 3.1B** (imports) and **Table 3.2B** (exports) display percentage distributions for major sources and destinations respectively by principal commodity groups during the same month.

#### 3.1 Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions

Discussions that follow relate to imports at both regional and partner country level as displayed in **Chart 3.1** and tables **3.1 A & B**.

The Southern African Customs Union (**SACU**) was the major source of imports into Botswana, accounting for 80.1 percent (P3, 493.3 million) of total imports during April 2018. Imports from SACU were primarily coming from South Africa, with a contribution of 67.5 percent (P2, 945.1 million) to total imports during the month under review. Namibia contributed 12.3 percent (P535.0 million) of total imports during the same period.

Fuel and Food, Beverages & Tobacco were the major commodities imported from South Africa with contributions of 18.3 percent (P538.3 million) and 16.5 percent (P484.6 million) respectively, of total imports from that country (**Table 3.1 B**). Diamonds, Machinery & Electrical Equipment and Chemicals & Rubber Products followed with contributions of 14.0 percent (P411.4 million), 11.9 percent (P350.2 million) and 11.0 percent (P325.4 million) respectively, to total imports from South Africa during the current period.

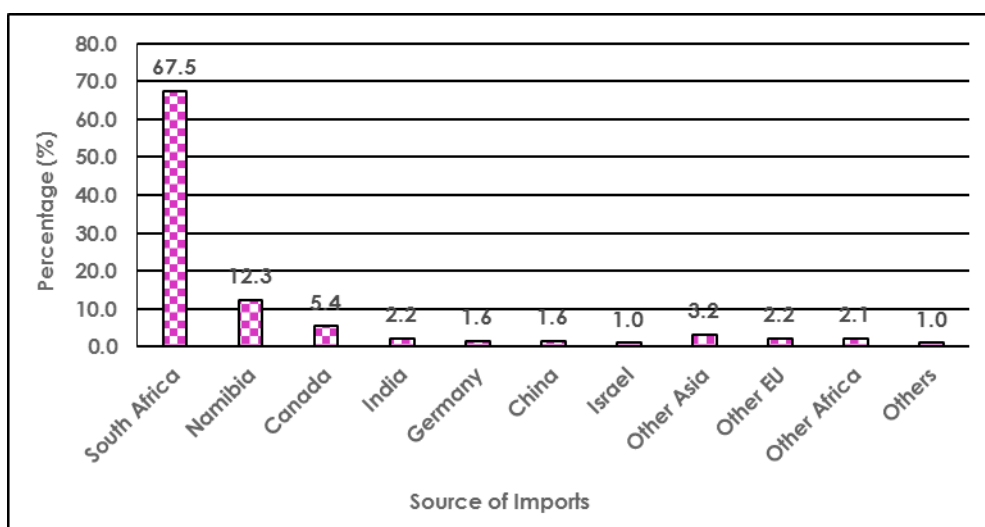
Asia supplied imports valued at P346.2 million, representing 7.9 percent of total imports during the same month. India, China and Israel were the main sources of imports from Asia, having contributed 2.2 percent (P95.1 million), 1.6 percent (P69.1 million) and 1.0 percent (P43.5 million) respectively, of total imports during the reference period.

The European Union (**EU**) supplied imports valued at P165.5 million, translating to 3.8 percent of total imports during April 2018. Germany was the main source of imports within the Union having supplied 1.6 percent (P70.4 million) to total imports during April 2018.

Imports from Canada were valued at P235.3 million, representing 5.4 percent of total imports during the current period, comprising mainly of "Unsorted Diamonds", with a contribution of 98.9 percent (P232.6 million) to total imports from that country.

**Chart 3.1** gives the graphical presentation of imports by major trading partner countries and regions during April 2018.

**Chart 3.1: Imports by Major Trading Partner Countries - April 2018**



### 3.2 Exports by Major Trading Partners Countries and Regions

Discussions under this sub-section are based on **Chart 3.2** and tables **3.2 A** & **3.2 B**.

During April 2018, total exports destined to Asia were valued at P1, 675.6 million, representing 56.2 percent of total exports (P2, 981.8 million). Singapore, Israel and India received 21.7 percent (P647.5 million), 15.0 percent (P448.1 million) and 10.4 percent (P309.7 million) respectively, of total exports during the month under review. The United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) and Hong Kong followed with 6.0 percent (P179.1 million) and 2.2 percent (P66.8 million) respectively. The Diamonds group was the major commodity group exported to Asia during the current period, at 99.5 percent (P1, 667.5 million) of all goods destined to the regional block.

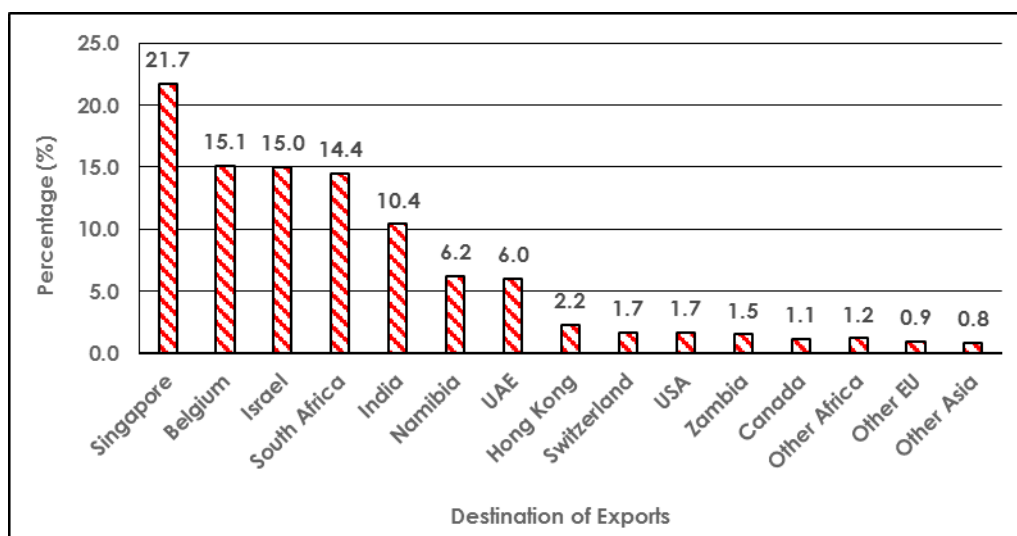
Exports destined to the **SACU** region were valued at P616.0 million, representing 20.7 percent of total exports during April 2018. South Africa was the main destination of exports to the **SACU** region, having received exports accounting to 14.4 percent (P430.9 million) of total exports during the month under review. Diamonds was the main commodity group exported to South Africa during the current period, at 42.3 percent (P182.3 million) of total exports to the country.

The EU region received exports valued at P477.1 million, representing 16.0 percent of total exports during April 2018. Belgium was the main destination for exports to the EU, having received 15.1 percent (P450.4 million) of total exports during the period under review, mainly attributed to Diamonds.

Switzerland and the **USA** received 1.7 percent each, at values of P49.6 million and P49.3 million respectively, of total exports during the month under review. Canada with 1.1 percent (P34.2 million) of total exports during the current period. Diamonds were the major commodity group exported to Switzerland, the USA and Canada at 100.0 percent (P49.6 million), 97.4 percent (P48.0 million) and 99.8 percent (P34.1 million) respectively, of all goods destined to the respective countries.

Other destinations for exports can be observed in tables **3.2 A** and **3.2 B**. Chart **3.2** gives the graphical presentation of exports by major destinations for April 2018.

**Chart 3.2: Exports by Major Trading Partner Countries and Regions – April 2018**



### 4.0 Imports and Exports by Mode of Transport

The mode of transport here refers to the means of transporting goods in and out of the country. The main modes of transport for Botswana international merchandise trade are Road, Air and Rail. Statistics relating to mode of transport is presented in **Table B**.

During April 2018, over half of total imports, 57.6 percent, were mainly transported by road. Air and Rail transport accounted for 31.0 percent (P1, 351.9 million) and 11.3 percent (P493.9 million) respectively, of total imports during the same month.

When considering the value of exported commodities, Botswana Exports mainly use Air as means of transport. This is because the value of exports is highly influenced by the value of diamonds, which are transported

by Air. Air Transport accounted for 89.2 percent (P2, 659.9 million) of total exports out of Botswana during April 2018. Road transport accounted for 9.8 percent (P292.9 million) of total exports during the month under review (**Table B**).

**Table B: Imports and Total Exports by Mode of Transport - April 2018; Value in Million Pula**

Trans Type \ Flow Type	Imports		Total Exports	
	Value	%	Value	%
Rail Transport	493.9	11.3	28.4	1.0
Road Transport	2,514.1	57.6	292.9	9.8
Air Transport	1,351.9	31.0	2,659.9	89.2
<b>Others</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,361.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,981.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>

*Note: Others; Comprises Unknown, Multi modal and water transport*



## 5.0 ANNEXURE

**Table 1: Total Merchandise Trade - January 2015 to April 2018 (Million Pula)**

Flow Type	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2015	4,439.5	4,225.2	213.0	1.2	5,782.1	0.2	5,782.3	1,342.8
Feb	6,700.8	6,483.5	216.6	0.7	5,099.8	195.7	5,295.4	(1,405.4)
Mar	7,119.7	6,860.2	258.6	1.0	8,147.4	261.2	8,408.6	1,288.9
<b>Q1</b>	<b>18,260.0</b>	<b>17,568.9</b>	<b>688.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>19,029.2</b>	<b>457.1</b>	<b>19,486.3</b>	<b>1,226.3</b>
Apr	5,580.0	5,355.9	223.5	0.5	3,780.4	5.5	3,785.9	(1,794.1)
May	6,563.9	6,327.7	235.3	0.9	8,429.3	154.9	8,584.2	2,020.3
Jun	7,607.3	7,344.2	261.7	1.4	7,154.9	272.7	7,427.5	(179.8)
<b>Q2</b>	<b>19,751.2</b>	<b>19,027.8</b>	<b>720.6</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>19,364.6</b>	<b>433.1</b>	<b>19,797.6</b>	<b>46.4</b>
Jul	5,164.9	4,917.8	246.3	0.9	4,351.3	244.1	4,595.5	(569.4)
Aug	6,505.4	6,256.1	248.2	1.1	2,752.7	277.1	3,029.8	(3,475.6)
Sep	6,426.7	6,189.1	236.8	0.8	3,954.3	253.3	4,207.6	(2,219.1)
<b>Q3</b>	<b>18,097.0</b>	<b>17,363.1</b>	<b>731.3</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>11,058.4</b>	<b>774.6</b>	<b>11,832.9</b>	<b>(6,264.1)</b>
Oct	5,265.7	5,003.3	261.2	1.1	4,582.5	144.6	4,727.1	(538.6)
Nov	5,402.9	5,148.9	252.7	1.4	2,172.4	169.7	2,342.1	(3,060.8)
Dec	6,406.8	6,161.1	244.9	0.9	4,901.7	396.6	5,298.3	(1,108.6)
<b>Q4</b>	<b>17,075.4</b>	<b>16,313.3</b>	<b>758.8</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>11,656.6</b>	<b>710.8</b>	<b>12,367.4</b>	<b>(4,708.0)</b>
<b>Total_2015</b>	<b>73,183.6</b>	<b>70,272.9</b>	<b>2,898.9</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>61,108.7</b>	<b>2,375.6</b>	<b>63,484.3</b>	<b>(9,699.3)</b>
Jan_2016	3,965.2	3,770.5	194.0	0.8	6,896.3	118.0	7,014.3	3,049.1
Feb	5,913.9	5,698.0	215.2	0.7	6,289.0	149.5	6,438.6	524.7
Mar	6,498.9	6,237.7	260.2	0.9	6,270.4	162.0	6,432.4	(66.4)
<b>Q1</b>	<b>16,378.0</b>	<b>15,706.2</b>	<b>669.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>19,455.8</b>	<b>429.5</b>	<b>19,885.3</b>	<b>3,507.3</b>
Apr	6,600.9	6,354.5	244.8	1.6	7,854.2	221.6	8,075.8	1,474.9
May	4,712.4	4,473.5	238.1	0.8	8,634.2	178.2	8,812.4	4,100.0
Jun	5,880.2	5,634.8	243.4	2.0	8,169.5	331.3	8,500.8	2,620.6
<b>Q2</b>	<b>17,193.5</b>	<b>16,462.8</b>	<b>726.3</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>24,657.9</b>	<b>731.0</b>	<b>25,389.0</b>	<b>8,195.4</b>
Jul	5,330.2	5,107.5	221.1	1.7	4,881.9	238.4	5,120.3	(209.9)
Aug	5,357.4	5,110.8	245.7	0.9	5,104.5	211.1	5,315.7	(41.8)
Sep	5,330.6	5,088.4	241.1	1.0	8,254.3	220.4	8,474.8	3,144.2
<b>Q3</b>	<b>16,018.2</b>	<b>15,306.8</b>	<b>707.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>18,240.8</b>	<b>669.9</b>	<b>18,910.7</b>	<b>2,892.5</b>
Oct	6,220.4	5,966.9	252.5	1.0	3,371.8	287.8	3,659.6	(2,560.8)
Nov	5,847.5	5,597.3	249.0	1.2	7,125.9	208.5	7,334.4	1,486.9
Dec	5,203.9	4,954.7	216.2	33.0	4,967.4	190.1	5,157.5	(46.4)
<b>Q4</b>	<b>17,271.7</b>	<b>16,518.9</b>	<b>717.6</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>15,465.1</b>	<b>686.4</b>	<b>16,151.5</b>	<b>(1,120.2)</b>
<b>Total_2016</b>	<b>66,861.4</b>	<b>63,994.7</b>	<b>2,821.1</b>	<b>45.6</b>	<b>77,819.6</b>	<b>2,516.9</b>	<b>80,336.5</b>	<b>13,475.0</b>

**Table 1 continued: Total Merchandise Trade - January 2015 to April 2018 (Million Pula)**

Flow Type	Imports CIF	Imports FOB	Freight	Insurance	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan_2017	3,457.6	3,294.6	161.5	1.4	6,388.4	202.8	6,591.2	3,133.6
Feb	4,041.3	3,867.7	172.6	1.0	6,751.8	11.2	6,762.9	2,721.6
Mar	5,253.5	5,030.1	220.7	2.6	4,063.9	117.4	4,181.3	(1,072.2)
<b>Q1</b>	<b>12,752.4</b>	<b>12,192.4</b>	<b>554.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>17,204.0</b>	<b>331.3</b>	<b>17,535.4</b>	<b>4,783.0</b>
Apr	4,387.2	4,233.4	152.5	1.3	3,891.5	0.1	3,891.5	(495.6)
May	4,081.7	3,920.6	159.9	1.3	5,409.9	0.5	5,410.4	1,328.7
Jun	4,025.2	3,868.5	155.5	1.1	5,629.2	0.2	5,629.4	1,604.2
<b>Q2</b>	<b>12,494.1</b>	<b>12,022.5</b>	<b>467.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>14,930.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>14,931.3</b>	<b>2,437.3</b>
Jul	4,081.9	3,909.0	171.8	1.1	4,751.6	0.4	4,751.9	670.1
Aug	4,417.0	4,238.7	177.2	1.0	3,700.8	1.9	3,702.6	(714.4)
Sep	5,031.2	4,834.7	195.6	1.0	4,747.8	1.8	4,749.6	(281.6)
<b>Q3</b>	<b>13,530.1</b>	<b>12,982.4</b>	<b>544.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>13,200.1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>13,204.1</b>	<b>(326.0)</b>
Oct	4,225.3	4,016.6	207.0	1.6	4,080.4	5.1	4,085.5	(139.7)
Nov	6,012.0	5,789.5	221.6	0.9	6,348.1	4.7	6,352.8	340.8
Dec	5,877.4	5,669.3	206.6	1.5	5,037.3	3.0	5,040.4	(837.1)
<b>Q4</b>	<b>16,114.7</b>	<b>15,475.5</b>	<b>635.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>15,465.8</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>15,478.6</b>	<b>(636.0)</b>
<b>Total_2017</b>	<b>54,891.2</b>	<b>52,672.8</b>	<b>2,202.6</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>60,800.5</b>	<b>349.0</b>	<b>61,149.5</b>	<b>6,258.3</b>
Jan_2018	3,880.3	3,699.7	179.8	0.9	5,323.2	0.1	5,323.3	1,443.0
Feb	5,024.3	4,837.2	186.0	1.1	3,516.2	1.3	3,517.5	(1,506.8)
Mar	5,598.2	5,394.3	202.7	1.2	4,893.2	2.9	4,896.0	(702.2)
<b>Q1</b>	<b>14,502.9</b>	<b>13,931.2</b>	<b>568.5</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>13,732.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>13,736.9</b>	<b>(766.0)</b>
Apr	4,361.0	4,192.3	167.7	0.9	2,981.4	0.4	2,981.8	(1,379.2)

**Table 2.1: Principal Import Commodity Groups-January 2015 to April 2018 (Million Pula)**

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food-Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
Jan_2015	447.0	855.2	600.5	728.9	41.8	602.8	171.1	302.6	117.7	351.6	110.0	110.4	4,439.5
Feb	485.3	3,069.9	508.2	619.2	58.1	652.8	225.8	354.6	153.8	343.2	115.4	114.5	6,700.8
Mar	478.4	2,693.5	516.4	1,233.3	62.3	733.9	306.2	60.4	206.9	530.5	130.5	167.4	7,119.7
<b>Q1</b>	<b>1,410.7</b>	<b>6,618.6</b>	<b>1,625.1</b>	<b>2,581.3</b>	<b>162.2</b>	<b>1,989.4</b>	<b>703.2</b>	<b>717.6</b>	<b>478.4</b>	<b>1,225.4</b>	<b>355.8</b>	<b>392.3</b>	<b>18,260.0</b>
Apr	538.9	1,901.2	507.8	606.7	43.8	682.5	218.0	153.5	214.4	476.5	112.3	124.4	5,580.0
May	534.3	2,619.6	517.8	739.2	52.0	731.8	247.9	227.9	166.1	470.0	112.6	144.7	6,563.9
Jun	622.2	3,399.6	539.0	761.9	67.1	945.2	268.6	199.2	133.8	384.8	116.4	169.7	7,607.3
<b>Q2</b>	<b>1,695.4</b>	<b>7,920.4</b>	<b>1,564.5</b>	<b>2,107.8</b>	<b>162.9</b>	<b>2,359.5</b>	<b>734.5</b>	<b>580.6</b>	<b>514.3</b>	<b>1,331.3</b>	<b>341.2</b>	<b>438.8</b>	<b>19,751.2</b>
Jul	501.8	1,100.6	564.5	768.6	61.6	911.5	289.2	59.0	163.8	455.3	126.2	162.9	5,164.9
Aug	538.2	2,273.8	624.9	962.7	58.9	825.3	226.2	51.1	180.6	461.1	130.7	172.0	6,505.4
Sep	617.8	2,638.5	573.3	600.6	57.9	788.5	213.3	42.4	185.4	415.7	130.9	162.4	6,426.7
<b>Q3</b>	<b>1,657.8</b>	<b>6,012.9</b>	<b>1,762.7</b>	<b>2,331.9</b>	<b>178.5</b>	<b>2,525.3</b>	<b>728.7</b>	<b>152.5</b>	<b>529.9</b>	<b>1,332.0</b>	<b>387.7</b>	<b>497.3</b>	<b>18,097.0</b>
Oct	537.6	1,098.6	666.4	849.9	72.5	822.0	241.6	59.0	216.8	388.5	133.0	179.9	5,265.7
Nov	580.5	1,226.7	688.0	628.8	65.1	754.2	260.5	81.4	268.5	534.0	132.7	182.5	5,402.9
Dec	503.9	2,354.5	715.8	617.0	51.0	754.8	239.0	206.2	165.5	510.1	125.1	163.6	6,406.8
<b>Q4</b>	<b>1,622.0</b>	<b>4,679.9</b>	<b>2,070.2</b>	<b>2,095.7</b>	<b>188.6</b>	<b>2,331.0</b>	<b>741.1</b>	<b>346.6</b>	<b>650.8</b>	<b>1,432.6</b>	<b>390.9</b>	<b>526.0</b>	<b>17,075.4</b>
<b>Total_2015</b>	<b>6,385.9</b>	<b>25,231.7</b>	<b>7,022.5</b>	<b>9,116.7</b>	<b>692.1</b>	<b>9,205.2</b>	<b>2,907.4</b>	<b>1,797.2</b>	<b>2,173.5</b>	<b>5,321.3</b>	<b>1,475.6</b>	<b>1,854.4</b>	<b>73,183.6</b>
Jan_2016	343.3	955.8	516.1	542.3	29.0	565.8	203.3	158.7	101.9	311.0	111.2	126.8	3,965.2
Feb	468.7	2,430.1	584.4	549.5	47.8	664.0	253.5	168.6	156.2	341.6	108.1	141.3	5,913.9
Mar	466.6	2,259.2	580.7	1,002.6	50.4	717.0	292.5	156.6	178.6	421.4	116.3	256.9	6,498.9
<b>Q1</b>	<b>1,278.6</b>	<b>5,645.1</b>	<b>1,681.2</b>	<b>2,094.4</b>	<b>127.2</b>	<b>1,946.7</b>	<b>749.4</b>	<b>483.9</b>	<b>436.7</b>	<b>1,074.1</b>	<b>335.6</b>	<b>525.0</b>	<b>16,378.0</b>
Apr	770.9	2,323.0	536.2	618.1	57.1	836.5	292.7	205.8	181.8	502.8	145.4	130.8	6,600.9
May	478.8	638.4	556.7	1,025.2	64.3	761.3	247.1	153.5	156.8	343.9	124.9	161.5	4,712.4
Jun	554.6	1,542.8	605.5	1,133.0	70.6	761.3	226.4	141.2	139.2	404.1	140.5	160.8	5,880.2
<b>Q2</b>	<b>1,804.3</b>	<b>4,504.2</b>	<b>1,698.4</b>	<b>2,776.3</b>	<b>191.9</b>	<b>2,359.1</b>	<b>766.1</b>	<b>500.5</b>	<b>477.8</b>	<b>1,250.8</b>	<b>410.8</b>	<b>453.1</b>	<b>17,193.5</b>
Jul	799.7	1,379.7	572.2	671.4	56.7	710.5	236.4	72.1	156.6	377.7	119.1	178.0	5,330.2
Aug	525.2	1,117.0	680.6	622.8	58.2	843.2	261.7	131.6	207.7	496.2	140.5	272.6	5,357.4
Sep	505.4	1,155.9	675.4	610.9	69.9	783.0	264.7	127.0	191.0	642.7	136.4	168.3	5,330.6
<b>Q3</b>	<b>1,830.3</b>	<b>3,652.6</b>	<b>1,928.3</b>	<b>1,905.1</b>	<b>184.8</b>	<b>2,336.7</b>	<b>762.8</b>	<b>330.7</b>	<b>555.3</b>	<b>1,516.7</b>	<b>396.0</b>	<b>619.0</b>	<b>16,018.2</b>
Oct	623.7	1,906.9	725.6	631.5	79.3	895.5	279.3	86.0	198.8	436.8	158.5	198.4	6,220.4
Nov	556.3	1,544.8	807.7	620.3	74.7	922.8	280.6	57.2	222.7	399.7	151.6	209.0	5,847.5
Dec	464.8	1,651.4	636.7	621.0	57.5	725.1	206.3	48.0	148.6	354.3	137.5	152.8	5,203.9
<b>Q4</b>	<b>1,644.9</b>	<b>5,103.0</b>	<b>2,169.9</b>	<b>1,872.8</b>	<b>211.5</b>	<b>2,543.4</b>	<b>766.3</b>	<b>191.2</b>	<b>570.1</b>	<b>1,190.8</b>	<b>447.6</b>	<b>560.2</b>	<b>17,271.7</b>
<b>Total_2016</b>	<b>6,558.1</b>	<b>18,905.0</b>	<b>7,477.8</b>	<b>8,648.6</b>	<b>715.5</b>	<b>9,185.9</b>	<b>3,044.7</b>	<b>1,506.3</b>	<b>2,039.9</b>	<b>5,032.4</b>	<b>1,589.9</b>	<b>2,157.3</b>	<b>66,861.4</b>
Jan_2017	322.9	707.2	543.1	675.7	33.8	489.4	155.5	28.9	101.8	211.1	97.5	90.6	3,457.6
Feb	399.6	885.6	552.4	563.0	56.1	602.6	238.3	46.8	156.9	277.2	115.7	147.1	4,041.3
Mar	332.3	1,727.2	579.2	808.1	48.2	708.8	167.7	33.0	180.2	413.2	102.2	153.4	5,253.5
<b>Q1</b>	<b>1,054.8</b>	<b>3,320.0</b>	<b>1,674.7</b>	<b>2,046.8</b>	<b>138.0</b>	<b>1,800.8</b>	<b>561.6</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>438.9</b>	<b>901.5</b>	<b>315.4</b>	<b>391.1</b>	<b>12,752.4</b>
Apr	322.7	1,590.5	465.9	592.9	41.4	528.9	171.4	42.0	108.2	318.3	89.3	115.9	4,387.2
May	423.3	1,139.3	528.2	559.6	53.3	487.1	189.1	39.9	137.6	285.0	104.2	135.2	4,081.7
Jun	350.6	1,256.3	515.9	527.2	48.1	465.6	185.3	37.4	88.7	275.4	97.7	176.9	4,025.2
<b>Q2</b>	<b>1,096.6</b>	<b>3,986.1</b>	<b>1,510.1</b>	<b>1,679.7</b>	<b>142.9</b>	<b>1,481.5</b>	<b>545.7</b>	<b>119.3</b>	<b>334.5</b>	<b>878.6</b>	<b>291.2</b>	<b>428.0</b>	<b>12,494.1</b>
Jul	393.0	1,000.4	530.2	571.3	50.7	554.7	220.4	49.4	135.2	290.6	112.7	173.3	4,081.9
Aug	1,081.5	514.1	573.4	627.4	65.2	594.3	209.3	43.5	157.5	266.9	131.4	152.4	4,417.0
Sep	489.7	1,500.2	603.2	589.4	52.1	716.3	215.4	45.4	141.3	388.9	125.1	164.3	5,031.2
<b>Q3</b>	<b>1,964.2</b>	<b>3,014.8</b>	<b>1,706.8</b>	<b>1,788.2</b>	<b>168.0</b>	<b>1,865.3</b>	<b>645.1</b>	<b>138.3</b>	<b>433.9</b>	<b>946.4</b>	<b>369.3</b>	<b>490.0</b>	<b>13,530.1</b>
Oct	536.1	303.9	630.9	608.0	61.4	693.6	241.7	39.2	180.2	617.2	135.4	177.8	4,225.3
Nov	522.9	1,992.4	718.5	779.1	70.6	695.6	255.1	52.5	173.0	408.0	154.7	189.7	6,012.0
Dec	473.3	1,738.9	683.5	1,176.8	66.0	647.5	212.1	43.2	131.4	383.8	137.0	183.9	5,877.4

Table 2.1 continued: Principal Import Commodity Groups-January 2015 to April 2018 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food-Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
<b>Q4</b>	<b>1,532.3</b>	<b>4,035.2</b>	<b>2,032.9</b>	<b>2,563.9</b>	<b>197.9</b>	<b>2,036.7</b>	<b>708.9</b>	<b>134.8</b>	<b>484.6</b>	<b>1,409.0</b>	<b>427.1</b>	<b>551.4</b>	<b>16,114.7</b>
<b>Total_2017</b>	<b>5,647.9</b>	<b>14,356.1</b>	<b>6,924.4</b>	<b>8,078.5</b>	<b>646.8</b>	<b>7,184.3</b>	<b>2,461.3</b>	<b>501.0</b>	<b>1,692.0</b>	<b>4,135.5</b>	<b>1,403.0</b>	<b>1,860.5</b>	<b>54,891.2</b>
Jan_2018	389.7	779.0	615.6	638.5	34.3	602.0	155.1	42.0	83.8	291.6	108.7	140.0	3,880.3
Feb	404.3	1,597.8	604.2	584.0	57.4	659.5	205.5	33.9	122.7	467.6	120.0	167.5	5,024.3
Mar	423.9	1,904.0	650.6	671.3	66.3	688.3	218.5	47.7	158.3	475.7	135.3	158.4	5,598.2
<b>Q1</b>	<b>1,217.9</b>	<b>4,280.8</b>	<b>1,870.5</b>	<b>1,893.8</b>	<b>158.0</b>	<b>1,949.7</b>	<b>579.1</b>	<b>123.6</b>	<b>364.8</b>	<b>1,234.8</b>	<b>364.0</b>	<b>465.9</b>	<b>14,502.9</b>
Apr	370.9	1,381.6	513.8	583.8	54.1	505.3	183.0	32.3	129.7	323.4	108.1	175.0	4,361.0
2016	9.8	28.3	11.2	12.9	1.1	13.7	4.6	2.3	3.1	7.5	2.4	3.2	100.0
2017	10.3	26.2	12.6	14.7	1.2	13.1	4.5	0.9	3.1	7.5	2.6	3.4	100.0
Mar_2018	7.6	34.0	11.6	12.0	1.2	12.3	3.9	0.9	2.8	8.5	2.4	2.8	100.0
Apr_2018	8.5	31.7	11.8	13.4	1.2	11.6	4.2	0.7	3.0	7.4	2.5	4.0	100.0

**Table 2.2: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2015 to April 2018 (Million Pula)**

Period \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total
Jan_2015	428.9	4,860.4	20.5	7.7	18.1	123.2	46.2	20.4	70.1	18.7	84.3	83.7	5,782.3
Feb	486.1	4,231.5	19.1	6.9	22.8	165.9	67.2	26.7	53.3	26.8	47.6	141.5	5,295.4
Mar	428.7	7,385.2	22.4	8.0	25.8	170.0	90.2	33.2	11.5	40.4	85.6	107.6	8,408.6
<b>Q1</b>	<b>1,343.8</b>	<b>16,477.1</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>459.1</b>	<b>203.5</b>	<b>80.3</b>	<b>134.9</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>217.4</b>	<b>332.9</b>	<b>19,486.3</b>
Apr	448.2	2,722.8	21.1	9.8	16.9	166.6	138.0	23.3	34.1	30.1	98.7	76.4	3,785.9
May	402.1	7,530.6	36.4	8.3	20.5	221.6	111.8	24.9	42.3	39.9	57.6	88.2	8,584.2
Jun	458.3	6,365.0	21.2	9.9	24.2	164.4	117.7	29.3	54.2	34.4	58.0	90.8	7,427.5
<b>Q2</b>	<b>1,308.5</b>	<b>16,618.5</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>61.6</b>	<b>552.5</b>	<b>367.6</b>	<b>77.5</b>	<b>130.6</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>214.3</b>	<b>255.4</b>	<b>19,797.6</b>
Jul	320.7	3,687.1	24.7	10.0	17.2	169.0	138.8	28.9	57.1	30.4	27.6	84.1	4,595.5
Aug	40.2	2,362.2	30.3	2.6	15.6	184.7	108.8	25.9	56.1	33.7	71.9	97.8	3,029.8
Sep	13.9	3,559.6	31.2	5.9	25.3	220.3	91.8	28.6	56.0	22.9	45.5	106.8	4,207.6
<b>Q3</b>	<b>374.8</b>	<b>9,608.9</b>	<b>86.2</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>574.0</b>	<b>339.3</b>	<b>83.4</b>	<b>169.1</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>145.0</b>	<b>288.7</b>	<b>11,832.9</b>
Oct	53.0	4,123.2	13.8	7.9	15.5	179.3	82.7	22.2	53.3	27.0	34.6	114.5	4,727.1
Nov	302.3	1,446.2	36.8	9.1	20.5	187.5	75.6	27.1	52.1	33.5	58.2	93.3	2,342.1
Dec	407.5	4,456.5	11.4	4.5	20.0	69.1	104.3	15.5	53.6	34.1	31.1	90.7	5,298.3
<b>Q4</b>	<b>762.8</b>	<b>10,025.9</b>	<b>61.9</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>435.9</b>	<b>262.6</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>159.0</b>	<b>94.6</b>	<b>124.0</b>	<b>298.5</b>	<b>12,367.4</b>
<b>Total_2015</b>	<b>3,789.9</b>	<b>52,730.4</b>	<b>288.8</b>	<b>90.6</b>	<b>242.3</b>	<b>2,021.5</b>	<b>1,173.0</b>	<b>306.0</b>	<b>593.7</b>	<b>371.8</b>	<b>700.7</b>	<b>1,175.5</b>	<b>63,484.3</b>
Jan_2016	436.3	6,092.3	38.7	2.8	16.8	171.6	42.4	21.1	53.9	19.3	52.9	66.4	7,014.3
Feb	448.5	5,453.9	46.3	5.3	19.0	166.0	85.0	25.2	47.9	20.4	28.6	92.5	6,438.6
Mar	323.8	5,456.9	62.8	8.0	10.5	217.6	136.1	20.6	42.3	20.9	38.2	94.7	6,432.4
<b>Q1</b>	<b>1,208.6</b>	<b>17,003.1</b>	<b>147.8</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>46.4</b>	<b>555.2</b>	<b>263.4</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>144.1</b>	<b>60.5</b>	<b>119.8</b>	<b>253.5</b>	<b>19,885.3</b>
Apr	264.7	7,251.1	30.8	4.4	13.5	179.2	109.3	23.5	45.5	22.6	46.9	84.3	8,075.8
May	265.7	7,950.4	17.5	5.7	18.0	191.1	71.5	24.6	52.8	29.6	60.5	125.1	8,812.4
Jun	302.8	7,539.0	56.6	7.8	24.2	215.1	113.0	26.6	31.4	17.7	63.7	102.9	8,500.8
<b>Q2</b>	<b>833.1</b>	<b>22,740.6</b>	<b>105.0</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>55.7</b>	<b>585.5</b>	<b>293.8</b>	<b>74.7</b>	<b>129.7</b>	<b>69.8</b>	<b>171.0</b>	<b>312.2</b>	<b>25,389.0</b>
Jul	171.0	4,373.0	27.8	5.8	30.4	175.1	95.6	24.4	62.8	16.6	39.9	98.0	5,120.3
Aug	181.5	4,547.6	30.4	6.9	16.7	170.1	119.5	26.0	73.7	26.5	34.3	82.6	5,315.7
Sep	183.2	7,660.0	31.4	6.0	15.4	178.9	108.6	28.6	70.9	21.1	69.3	101.3	8,474.8
<b>Q3</b>	<b>535.7</b>	<b>16,580.6</b>	<b>89.5</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>524.1</b>	<b>323.7</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>207.4</b>	<b>64.1</b>	<b>143.5</b>	<b>281.9</b>	<b>18,910.7</b>
Oct	51.9	2,964.2	28.0	4.4	49.2	165.3	136.6	31.7	78.3	27.0	36.2	86.6	3,659.6
Nov	1.1	6,727.5	30.7	6.8	17.7	181.5	68.8	32.8	92.5	31.9	33.1	110.0	7,334.4
Dec	0.6	4,764.8	23.4	4.4	11.8	54.3	61.5	17.0	67.0	26.7	25.4	100.5	5,157.5
<b>Q4</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>14,456.5</b>	<b>82.2</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>401.1</b>	<b>266.8</b>	<b>81.6</b>	<b>237.8</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>94.7</b>	<b>297.2</b>	<b>16,151.5</b>
<b>Total_2016</b>	<b>2,631.1</b>	<b>70,780.7</b>	<b>424.4</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>243.1</b>	<b>2,066.0</b>	<b>1,147.8</b>	<b>302.1</b>	<b>719.0</b>	<b>280.2</b>	<b>529.0</b>	<b>1,144.8</b>	<b>80,336.5</b>
Jan_2017	1.1	5,924.3	30.1	2.6	8.6	209.9	31.8	13.9	79.5	12.5	225.5	51.2	6,591.2
Feb	1.1	6,348.5	7.8	2.8	17.1	181.6	17.8	17.4	64.8	17.8	34.1	52.1	6,762.9
Mar	0.2	3,811.3	34.1	4.3	10.3	135.5	34.3	21.6	35.8	12.2	25.2	56.5	4,181.3
<b>Q1</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>16,084.1</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>527.1</b>	<b>84.0</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>180.1</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>284.8</b>	<b>159.9</b>	<b>17,535.4</b>
Apr	3.4	3,556.1	28.3	2.2	14.1	95.8	45.0	9.4	41.1	14.4	25.8	56.1	3,891.5
May	6.5	4,965.7	29.6	3.9	9.1	119.5	61.1	19.4	30.0	12.6	87.6	65.5	5,410.4
Jun	5.1	5,160.8	28.3	3.8	12.8	192.8	88.6	26.6	32.4	13.0	14.3	50.9	5,629.4
<b>Q2</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>13,682.6</b>	<b>86.1</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>408.0</b>	<b>194.8</b>	<b>55.3</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>127.6</b>	<b>172.5</b>	<b>14,931.3</b>
Jul	9.2	4,251.1	45.3	4.0	15.9	134.3	105.8	27.4	64.5	14.6	22.9	56.9	4,751.9
Aug	1.6	3,246.3	36.4	3.3	11.7	119.4	104.0	15.5	56.8	13.7	32.9	61.0	3,702.6
Sep	3.5	4,224.2	39.1	1.7	14.5	134.8	121.1	20.4	78.8	17.7	20.9	72.9	4,749.6
<b>Q3</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>11,721.5</b>	<b>120.8</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>388.5</b>	<b>330.9</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>200.1</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>76.8</b>	<b>190.8</b>	<b>13,204.1</b>
Oct	4.6	3,607.5	16.0	3.0	14.9	162.0	91.7	20.1	47.6	17.9	26.2	74.1	4,085.5
Nov	3.2	5,747.1	41.1	2.9	27.7	195.3	127.6	23.9	51.5	17.4	20.9	94.2	6,352.8
Dec	1.5	4,615.8	36.1	2.8	10.0	111.5	58.5	13.0	58.2	16.6	39.0	77.2	5,040.4

Table 2.2 continued: Principal Export Commodity Groups – January 2015 to April 2018 (Million Pula)

Period \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total
<b>Q4</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>13,970.4</b>	<b>93.2</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>468.8</b>	<b>277.8</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>157.3</b>	<b>52.0</b>	<b>86.2</b>	<b>245.4</b>	<b>15,478.6</b>
<b>Total_2017</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>55,458.7</b>	<b>372.2</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>166.6</b>	<b>1,792.4</b>	<b>887.4</b>	<b>228.6</b>	<b>640.9</b>	<b>180.4</b>	<b>575.3</b>	<b>768.6</b>	<b>61,149.5</b>
Jan_2018	1.5	4,959.7	17.2	2.1	9.6	88.1	54.9	22.0	67.0	14.0	27.2	59.9	5,323.3
Feb	3.8	2,993.2	29.7	2.8	13.7	165.2	88.0	16.8	65.7	16.7	53.7	68.2	3,517.5
March	0.8	4,391.8	37.9	3.2	21.0	151.5	60.8	22.7	57.4	21.5	37.9	89.6	4,896.0
<b>Q1</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>12,344.7</b>	<b>84.8</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>44.3</b>	<b>404.8</b>	<b>203.7</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>190.1</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>118.8</b>	<b>217.6</b>	<b>13,736.9</b>
Apr	0.3	2,544.6	49.6	2.4	12.5	119.4	50.7	15.4	54.8	16.2	47.2	68.6	2,981.8
2016	3.3	88.1	0.5	0.1	0.3	2.6	1.4	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.7	1.4	100.0
2017	0.1	90.7	0.6	0.1	0.3	2.9	1.5	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.9	1.3	100.0
Mar_2018	0.0	89.7	0.8	0.1	0.4	3.1	1.2	0.5	1.2	0.4	0.8	1.8	100.0
Apr_2018	0.0	85.3	1.7	0.1	0.4	4.0	1.7	0.5	1.8	0.5	1.6	2.3	100.0



**Table 2.3: Diamonds Trade - January 2015 to April 2018 (Million Pula)**

Flow Type	Imports						Total Exports					
Period \ HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
Jan_2015	200.4	0.3	0.0	584.7	69.8	855.2	21.7	19.5	0.0	4,639.2	180.0	4,860.4
Feb	649.9	0.4	0.0	2,315.6	104.0	3,069.9	0.8	17.5	0.0	3,647.6	565.6	4,231.5
Mar	285.5	0.4	0.2	2,328.7	78.7	2,693.5	0.0	30.4	0.3	6,908.0	446.5	7,385.2
<b>Q1</b>	<b>1,135.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>5,229.0</b>	<b>252.6</b>	<b>6,618.6</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>15,194.8</b>	<b>1,192.1</b>	<b>16,477.1</b>
Apr	437.0	0.2	0.0	1,419.4	44.5	1,901.2	0.0	20.1	0.0	2,385.3	317.4	2,722.8
May	240.3	0.4	0.0	2,281.6	97.3	2,619.6	0.0	31.0	0.0	7,001.3	498.4	7,530.6
Jun	263.0	1,203.8	0.1	1,838.8	93.9	3,399.6	0.0	125.9	0.0	5,796.5	442.6	6,365.0
<b>Q2</b>	<b>940.3</b>	<b>1,204.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>5,539.8</b>	<b>235.8</b>	<b>7,920.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>176.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>15,183.1</b>	<b>1,258.5</b>	<b>16,618.5</b>
Jul	661.0	0.0	0.0	292.9	146.6	1,100.6	49.0	18.9	0.0	3,271.9	347.4	3,687.1
Aug	245.9	0.4	0.2	2,007.4	20.0	2,273.8	0.0	4.2	0.0	1,946.0	412.0	2,362.2
Sep	616.5	0.0	0.1	1,969.6	52.2	2,638.5	0.0	15.5	0.0	3,181.0	363.1	3,559.6
<b>Q3</b>	<b>1,523.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>4,269.9</b>	<b>218.8</b>	<b>6,012.9</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8,398.9</b>	<b>1,122.4</b>	<b>9,608.9</b>
Oct	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,034.5	64.0	1,098.6	0.0	31.0	0.0	3,781.2	311.0	4,123.2
Nov	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,159.6	67.2	1,226.7	0.0	7.4	0.0	1,172.2	266.6	1,446.2
Dec	0.0	0.6	0.1	2,324.2	29.7	2,354.5	83.6	5.0	0.0	4,074.4	293.4	4,456.5
<b>Q4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>4,518.2</b>	<b>160.9</b>	<b>4,679.9</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>9,027.8</b>	<b>871.1</b>	<b>10,025.9</b>
<b>Total_2015</b>	<b>3,599.5</b>	<b>1,206.5</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>19,557.0</b>	<b>868.1</b>	<b>25,231.7</b>	<b>155.2</b>	<b>326.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>47,804.6</b>	<b>4,444.0</b>	<b>52,730.4</b>
Jan_2016	134.1	0.3	0.0	790.8	30.6	955.8	0.0	29.8	0.0	5,951.7	110.8	6,092.3
Feb	653.3	0.4	0.0	1,675.7	100.7	2,430.1	0.1	29.8	0.1	5,226.9	197.0	5,453.9
Mar	237.9	0.3	0.0	1,984.0	37.1	2,259.2	0.0	27.4	0.0	5,166.3	263.2	5,456.9
<b>Q1</b>	<b>1,025.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4,450.5</b>	<b>168.5</b>	<b>5,645.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>16,344.9</b>	<b>571.0</b>	<b>17,003.1</b>
Apr	299.7	0.2	0.0	2,001.1	22.1	2,323.0	25.0	27.2	0.0	6,774.4	424.5	7,251.1
May	362.7	0.0	0.0	239.0	36.7	638.4	0.0	23.7	0.0	7,644.1	282.6	7,950.4
Jun	296.2	0.2	0.0	1,187.6	58.7	1,542.8	27.5	34.4	0.0	7,089.8	387.3	7,539.0
<b>Q2</b>	<b>958.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,427.7</b>	<b>117.5</b>	<b>4,504.2</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>85.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>21,508.3</b>	<b>1,094.4</b>	<b>22,740.6</b>
Jul	0.0	2.5	0.0	1,352.2	25.0	1,379.7	0.0	15.9	0.0	3,965.8	391.2	4,373.0
Aug	0.0	1.3	0.0	1,105.8	9.9	1,117.0	0.0	6.3	0.0	4,065.0	476.2	4,547.6
Sep	537.3	0.0	0.0	604.8	13.7	1,155.9	4.6	29.3	0.0	7,128.1	498.0	7,660.0
<b>Q3</b>	<b>537.4</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,062.8</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>3,652.6</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>15,158.9</b>	<b>1,365.5</b>	<b>16,580.6</b>
Oct	325.5	0.2	0.0	1,543.4	37.8	1,906.9	0.0	19.0	0.0	2,603.6	341.6	2,964.2
Nov	385.4	0.2	0.0	1,085.2	73.9	1,544.8	0.0	29.5	0.0	6,193.0	505.1	6,727.5
Dec	285.2	3.7	0.0	1,343.2	19.3	1,651.4	30.9	10.3	0.0	4,206.3	517.2	4,764.8
<b>Q4</b>	<b>996.1</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,971.9</b>	<b>131.0</b>	<b>5,103.0</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>13,002.9</b>	<b>1,364.0</b>	<b>14,456.5</b>
<b>Total_2016</b>	<b>3,517.2</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>14,912.8</b>	<b>465.6</b>	<b>18,905.0</b>	<b>88.1</b>	<b>282.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>66,015.0</b>	<b>4,394.9</b>	<b>70,780.7</b>
Jan_2017	538.2	0.0	0.0	138.4	30.7	707.2	0.0	24.2	0.0	5,778.2	121.9	5,924.3
Feb	0.0	0.1	0.0	871.5	14.0	885.6	6.6	20.6	0.0	5,997.4	323.9	6,348.5
Mar	296.2	4.4	0.0	1,348.2	78.4	1,727.2	3.9	12.7	0.0	3,227.3	567.3	3,811.3
<b>Q1</b>	<b>834.4</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,358.1</b>	<b>123.1</b>	<b>3,320.0</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>15,002.9</b>	<b>1,013.1</b>	<b>16,084.1</b>
Apr	654.5	511.5	0.0	314.8	109.7	1,590.5	0.0	29.2	0.0	3,131.2	395.8	3,556.1
May	0.0	0.0	0.0	927.6	211.7	1,139.3	20.4	270.2	0.0	4,215.8	459.4	4,965.7
Jun	974.3	0.1	0.0	97.0	184.9	1,256.3	0.0	209.0	0.0	4,582.9	368.9	5,160.8
<b>Q2</b>	<b>1,628.8</b>	<b>511.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,339.3</b>	<b>506.3</b>	<b>3,986.1</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>508.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>11,929.9</b>	<b>1,224.1</b>	<b>13,682.6</b>
Jul	334.2	0.0	0.0	515.4	150.9	1,000.4	0.0	204.9	0.0	3,365.1	681.0	4,251.1
Aug	311.4	0.1	0.0	71.0	131.7	514.1	0.0	128.3	0.0	2,621.9	496.0	3,246.3
Sep	0.1	1.4	0.0	1,395.2	103.4	1,500.2	0.0	13.7	0.0	3,718.4	492.1	4,224.2

**Table 2.3 continued: Diamonds Trade - January 2015 to April 2018 (Million Pula)**

Flow Type	Imports						Total Exports					
Period \ HS	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total	71021000	71022100	71022900	71023100	71023900	Total
<b>Q3</b>	<b>645.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,981.6</b>	<b>385.9</b>	<b>3,014.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>347.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>9,705.4</b>	<b>1,669.2</b>	<b>11,721.5</b>
Oct	0.0	0.0	0.0	81.6	222.3	303.9	0.0	196.5	0.0	2,936.3	474.7	3,607.5
Nov	747.7	0.7	0.0	1,072.7	171.2	1,992.4	0.0	133.9	0.0	5,001.9	611.2	5,747.1
Dec	567.2	0.0	0.0	1,089.9	81.8	1,738.9	0.0	5.7	0.0	4,020.6	589.5	4,615.8
<b>Q4</b>	<b>1,315.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,244.3</b>	<b>475.3</b>	<b>4,035.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>336.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>11,958.8</b>	<b>1,675.5</b>	<b>13,970.4</b>
<b>Total_2017</b>	<b>4,423.9</b>	<b>518.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7,923.3</b>	<b>1,490.6</b>	<b>14,356.1</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>1,248.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>48,597.0</b>	<b>5,581.9</b>	<b>55,458.7</b>
Jan_2018	495.1	0.0	0.0	175.1	108.7	779.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	4,753.3	204.9	4,959.7
Feb	314.3	1.4	0.0	1,119.0	163.1	1,597.8	0.0	3.8	0.0	2,442.0	547.4	2,993.2
March	189.6	0.5	0.0	1,613.6	100.4	1,904.0	117.8	5.3	0.0	3,639.2	629.6	4,391.8
<b>Q1</b>	<b>998.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,907.7</b>	<b>372.3</b>	<b>4,280.8</b>	<b>117.8</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>10,834.5</b>	<b>1,381.9</b>	<b>12,344.7</b>
Apr	232.6	0.0	0.0	1,039.1	109.9	1,381.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,379.2	165.4	2,544.6

Note: 71021000:Unsorted diamonds  
71022100:Industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted  
71022900:Industrial diamonds, not mounted or set, NES  
71023100:Non-industrial diamonds unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted

**Table 3.1 A: Total imports by Country, Region and Principal Import Commodity Groups – April 2018 (Million Pula)**

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food- Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	325.4	411.4	484.6	538.3	50.7	350.2	169.6	30.7	116.3	262.5	99.6	105.8	2,945.1
Namibia	0.1	510.8	6.7	11.8	0.3	0.6	0.5	1.3	0.1	2.5	0.0	0.2	535.0
Swaziland	6.9	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.4	0.0	11.1
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1
<b>SACU</b>	<b>332.5</b>	<b>922.2</b>	<b>493.7</b>	<b>550.4</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>350.9</b>	<b>170.1</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>118.5</b>	<b>265.0</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>3,493.3</b>
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	32.7	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	33.4
Zambia	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	9.6	6.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	21.0
Zimbabwe	1.1	0.0	7.1	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.2	0.1	0.3	0.4	2.8	0.6	14.5
Madagascar	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
<b>Other SADC</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>334.1</b>	<b>922.2</b>	<b>507.3</b>	<b>583.1</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>362.0</b>	<b>177.9</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>118.9</b>	<b>265.5</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>3,565.5</b>
Morocco	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8
Djibouti	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8
<b>Other Africa</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>334.5</b>	<b>922.6</b>	<b>507.3</b>	<b>583.1</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>366.1</b>	<b>177.9</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>119.1</b>	<b>265.9</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>107.4</b>	<b>3,571.2</b>
India	14.9	73.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	2.8	1.7	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.0	0.8	95.1
China	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	37.4	1.7	0.0	4.8	16.8	0.2	4.1	69.1
Israel	0.0	40.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	43.5
Hong Kong	0.1	25.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.3	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	36.6
UAE	0.1	27.1	0.0	0.7	0.0	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.8	0.4	34.6
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.9	28.0	0.0	0.0	29.5
Russian federation	0.0	17.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.8
Korea	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.7	0.3	0.4	8.7
Singapore	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.7	0.0	3.6	6.4
Turkey	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
Pakistan	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	1.3
<b>Other Asia</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Asia</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>183.7</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>64.1</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>346.2</b>
Germany	2.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.9	18.1	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.3	48.0	70.4
Belgium	2.5	29.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	34.1
UK	2.1	5.5	0.2	0.0	0.1	9.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	2.9	1.3	0.7	22.2
Austria	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	5.6
Latvia	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7
France	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	3.7
Netherlands	1.6	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	3.6
Italy	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	3.0
Romania	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0
Ireland	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8
Slovakia	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	2.6
Cyprus	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6
Portugal	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6
Denmark	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.3
Hungary	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.3
<b>Other EU</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>165.5</b>
Canada	0.6	232.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	235.3
USA	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	14.1	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.5	4.1	21.2
Switzerland	0.5	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	16.7
<b>Others</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>370.9</b>	<b>1,381.6</b>	<b>513.8</b>	<b>583.8</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>505.3</b>	<b>183.0</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>129.7</b>	<b>323.4</b>	<b>108.1</b>	<b>175.0</b>	<b>4,361.0</b>

**Table 3.1B: Principal Imports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Imports at Country and Regional Level- April 2018**

Period \ HS	Chemicals & Rubber Products	Diamonds	Food - Beverages & Tobacco	Fuel	Furniture	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Metal & Metal Products	Salt Ores & Related Products	Textiles & Footwear	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Wood & Paper Products	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	11.0	14.0	16.5	18.3	1.7	11.9	5.8	1.0	3.9	8.9	3.4	3.6	100.0
Namibia	0.0	95.5	1.2	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	100.0
Swaziland	62.4	0.0	22.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	12.9	0.0	100.0
Lesotho	0.0	0.0	0.3	10.9	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	87.4	0.0	0.4	0.2	100.0
<b>SACU</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	97.8	0.1	1.6	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	100.0
Zambia	0.1	0.0	20.7	0.0	0.0	45.7	31.3	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.7	100.0
Zimbabwe	7.5	0.0	48.8	0.0	0.2	6.6	8.1	0.4	1.8	3.1	19.5	4.0	100.0
Madagascar	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>Other SADC</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Morocco	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	78.7	0.0	0.0	5.2	0.0	0.0	1.1	100.0
Djibouti	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>Other Africa</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
India	15.6	76.9	0.6	0.0	0.0	3.0	1.8	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.0	0.9	100.0
China	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	54.2	2.5	0.0	7.0	24.4	0.3	6.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	92.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Hong Kong	0.1	69.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	28.0	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.0	1.2	100.0
UAE	0.4	78.3	0.0	1.9	0.0	13.7	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.1	2.2	1.1	100.0
Japan	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.6	0.0	3.0	94.7	0.0	0.1	100.0
Russian federation	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Korea	7.9	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	50.9	0.1	0.0	13.1	19.3	3.6	4.9	100.0
Singapore	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	1.1	42.3	0.1	55.7	100.0
Turkey	0.0	0.0	17.7	0.0	72.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	6.8	0.0	0.0	2.3	100.0
Pakistan	0.4	0.0	18.9	0.0	0.0	8.7	1.9	0.0	0.0	69.0	0.0	1.1	100.0
<b>Other Asia</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Asia</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>53.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Germany	3.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.3	25.6	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.4	68.1	100.0
Belgium	7.4	86.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	100.0
UK	9.5	24.6	0.9	0.0	0.4	40.7	0.6	0.0	0.7	13.3	6.0	3.3	100.0
Austria	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	78.2	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.7	100.0
Latvia	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
France	30.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	5.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	59.7	0.1	0.6	100.0
Netherlands	44.9	0.0	12.2	0.0	0.0	39.9	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	2.4	100.0
Italy	2.6	0.0	11.6	0.0	0.0	72.0	1.8	0.0	4.2	1.5	0.2	6.1	100.0
Romania	23.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	75.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	100.0
Ireland	0.7	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	88.9	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
Slovakia	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	74.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	22.2	0.0	0.1	100.0
Cyprus	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Portugal	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	87.7	8.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	100.0
Denmark	88.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	4.2	100.0
Hungary	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	91.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	7.1	100.0
<b>Other EU</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Canada	0.2	98.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	4.9	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	66.4	1.6	0.0	1.6	3.0	2.5	19.5	100.0
Switzerland	3.2	45.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	38.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	12.3	100.0
<b>Others</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>80.4</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 3.2A: Total Exports by Country, Region and Principal Commodity Groups – April 2018 (Million Pula)**

Period \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	0.3	182.3	0.0	2.0	10.0	79.9	27.7	13.9	41.0	14.2	18.9	40.7	430.9
Namibia	0.0	162.1	0.0	0.0	0.9	7.8	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.5	8.1	5.5	185.1
<b>Other SACU</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>SACU</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>344.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>87.7</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>616.0</b>
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	19.4	0.0	0.1	6.7	0.7	12.3	4.6	44.5
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	1.2	4.0	0.5	7.2	8.2	25.4
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.1	0.7	4.5
Angola	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	2.6
Malawi	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	1.6
<b>Other SADC</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>344.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>114.8</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>695.3</b>
<b>Other Africa</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>344.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>114.8</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>695.7</b>
Singapore	0.0	646.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	647.5
Israel	0.0	448.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	448.1
India	0.0	309.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	309.7
UAE	0.0	179.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	179.1
Hong Kong	0.0	60.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	66.8
Japan	0.0	17.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.9
Sri Lanka	0.0	6.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3
<b>Other Asia</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Asia</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,667.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>1,675.6</b>
Belgium	0.0	450.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	450.4
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.6
UK	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	5.3
Italy	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.1
Germany	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6
Malta	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
<b>Other EU</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>450.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>477.1</b>
Switzerland	0.0	0.0	49.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	49.6
USA	0.0	48.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.9	49.3
Canada	0.0	34.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	34.2
<b>Others</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>2,544.6</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>119.4</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>2,981.8</b>

**Table 3.2B: Principal Exports Commodity Groups as a Percentage of Total Exports at Country and Regional Level – April 2018**

Period \ HS	Copper & Nickel	Diamonds	Gold	Hides & Skins	Iron & Steel Products	Machinery & Electrical Equipment	Meat & Meat Products	Plastic & Plastic Products	Salt & Soda Ash	Textiles	Vehicles & Transport Equipment	Other Goods	Total
South Africa	0.1	42.3	0.0	0.5	2.3	18.5	6.4	3.2	9.5	3.3	4.4	9.5	100.0
Namibia	0.0	87.6	0.0	0.0	0.5	4.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	4.4	3.0	100.0
<b>Other SACU</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>SACU</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Zambia	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	43.7	0.0	0.3	15.1	1.6	27.7	10.4	100.0
Zimbabwe	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	16.5	0.0	4.7	15.8	2.1	28.5	32.3	100.0
DRC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.6	0.0	15.8	0.0	57.5	0.0	2.0	16.0	100.0
Angola	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	96.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	100.0
Malawi	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	63.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.3	11.8	3.7	100.0
<b>Other SADC</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>SADC</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Other Africa</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Singapore	0.0	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Israel	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
India	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
UAE	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Hong Kong	0.0	90.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.5	100.0
Japan	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Sri Lanka	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>Other Asia</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Asia</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Belgium	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
UK	0.0	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	83.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.2	100.0
Italy	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Germany	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Malta	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>Other EU</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Switzerland	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
USA	0.0	97.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.8	100.0
Canada	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	100.0
<b>Others</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>85.3</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>



## 6.0 TECHNICAL NOTES

IMTS are compiled by the International Merchandise Trade Statistics Section of Statistics Botswana. International Merchandise Trade refers to external trade in goods only. International Service Trade Statistics (ISTS) are however not compiled by this section. The primary source of international merchandise trade data is the Customs & Excise Division at the Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS). The Customs & Excise Division is responsible for data capture for both computerized and manual borders, and the monthly raw data files are transferred to Statistics Botswana for data processing.

Until the April 2009 Monthly Digest, Botswana was practicing Relaxed Special Trade Type. The Relaxed Special Trade Type takes into account goods that are exported or imported for inward or outward customs processing while the Strict Special Trade Type does not include the same. Strict Special Trade Type comprises imports for home consumption, permanent exports, re-exports and goods cleared out of warehouse (ex-warehouse) only.

In June 2009, the Botswana External Trade Database was revised to cater for General Trade Type as per the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) recommendations. The General Trade Type gives complete coverage of external trade as compared to the Special Trade Type. As a result of this, trade reported in the monthly digests for May 2009 onwards is based on the General Trade Type.

Imports are valued CIF (cost, insurance & freight) while exports are valued FOB (free on board). The value of imports includes transport and insurance costs to the importing country. The Exports value consists only of the value of goods as they leave the exporting country.

### 6.1 Time of Recording of Trade

IMTS is compiled using date of recording of trade as opposed to date of assessment of goods by customs. This means that as goods cross the border, trade is recorded and this is the reference month for compilation of IMTS. Some of these goods may however be held by customs for some time pending final assessment for tax or duty purposes.

If the final assessment is done later, for example two or three months, or even more, after the goods had crossed the border, the affected trade will then update trade for the particular month when the goods crossed the border, therefore it does not form part of trade for the month during which the final assessment was done. This is mostly common with imports. Revision of data for the month preceding the one under review will normally show high values as compared to revisions for other months due to more goods (from the previous month) being released after final assessment.

### 6.2 Concepts and Definitions

**Domestic Exports:** These are goods originating from the compiling country, being permanently exported out of the country for consumption in the outside world. This includes products from customs inwards processing; for example, if a country imports wheat, processes the wheat into bread flour and exports the bread flour and bye products from the milling process, these will all leave the country as domestic exports.

**Re - Exports:** These are exports of foreign goods that were initially recorded as imports into the compiling country. These goods are exported in the same state that they came in except for wear and tear. An example will be re-exportation of a motor vehicle that was initially imported into the compiling country and after being used it is now being exported to a foreign country.

**Total exports:** This is the sum of domestic exports and re-exports

**Imports:** These are goods imported from the outside world, into the compiling country, for local consumption. This includes re-importation of locally produced goods that were initially exported and are now being imported back into the country.

**Trade Balance (Net Export):** This refers to the total value of goods exported minus the total value of goods imported by a given economy in a given period of time. A positive trade balance (trade surplus) indicates that a country is exporting more in value terms than it is importing. A negative trade balance (trade deficit) indicates that the country is importing more than it is exporting.

### 6.3 Treatment of Diamonds from Aggregation Process

In July 2012, the Diamond Trading Company International which was undertaking aggregation of diamonds relocated from the United Kingdom to Botswana. This meant that the process of aggregation of diamonds was now to be done in Botswana. Following the relocation, initially it was not clear how this trade was to be recorded as there was no prior common understanding of the processes involved between all the relevant parties. After thorough discussions with key stakeholders, Statistics Botswana decided to record this trade as imports for processing and that export of the same after aggregation be recorded as direct permanent exports. This was based on **IMTS 2010 Compilers' Manual (Page 225)** and **IMTS 2010 Concepts & Definitions; Page 16; Paragraph 1.20 concept** that mixing of goods of different qualities to produce goods of a new quality is part of processing in compilation of IMTS.

#### 6.3.1 Sorting out Diamonds imports

These imports will mainly be from Canada, Namibia and South Africa. Some of these may include diamonds that were originally bought from Botswana and are now being sold back to Botswana. The original declaration will not indicate whether the consignment is a mixture of diamonds from various countries. However, a follow-up document, referred to as **"attached document"** will show a disaggregation of these imports according to the various countries that contributed to the consignment.

- I. In case the consignment was from one country, this will be recorded as imports into Botswana from that particular country
- II. In case the consignment was from various countries, the recording of these imports will be according to the various countries that contributed to the consignment
- III. If part of the consignment was originally from Botswana, that part is recorded as re-import and will form part of total imports.

#### 6.3.2 Sorting out Diamonds exports

These exports will be from the aggregation process and will consist of exports of Botswana origin and exports of diamonds that were originally imported. The original declaration will give an aggregated export which will be a consignment bought by an individual trader. This consignment will consist of diamonds of the same color, shape and size but originating from various countries. The **"attached document"**, giving a disaggregation of the consignment in value and carats by countries that contributed, will be used to record trade accordingly. As per IMTS 2010 Concepts & Definitions, goods resulting from processing are to be included in merchandise trade at their full value and as direct permanent exports (Domestic exports) in case they are exported (**IMTS Concepts & Definitions; page 16, paragraph 1.20**). As a result of this, diamonds that originated from outside Botswana as well as those originating from Botswana are recorded as direct permanent exports or domestic exports.

Both diamonds originating from Botswana and those that originated from elsewhere have always been recorded under Domestic Exports. Values for diamonds that originated from elsewhere can be provided separately if needed.

### 6.4 Exclusions from IMTS

- **Goods in Transit**

This is trade that is simply passing through the compiling country solely for the purpose of being transported to another country

- **Goods temporarily admitted or dispatched**

These are goods that at the time of admission/dispatch, are intended to stay in the receiving country temporarily and that after their stay they will be returned in the same state. These goods include display equipment for trade fairs and exhibitions, commercial samples, means of transport, containers, equipment for working etc.

- **Monetary Gold**

This is gold to which the monetary authorities have title and is held as reserve assets.

- **Issued banknotes and securities and coins in circulation**

These goods represent evidence of financial claims and are excluded from IMTS

The above list of exclusions from IMTS is however not exhaustive and only a few that are common, simple, straightforward and easy to understand have been picked as examples.